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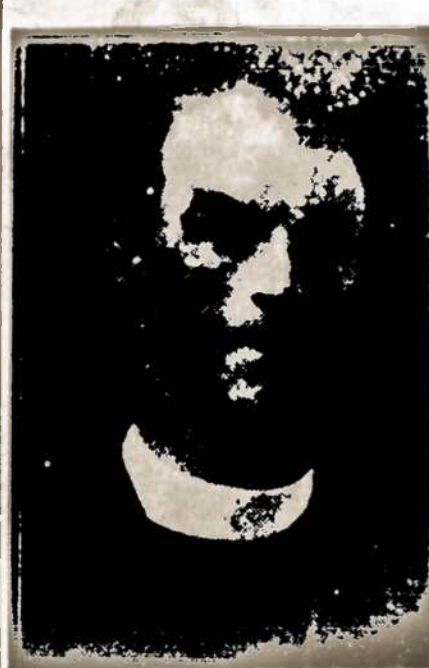
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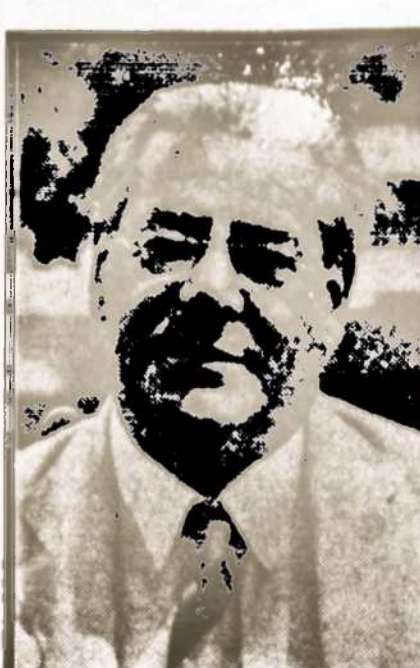
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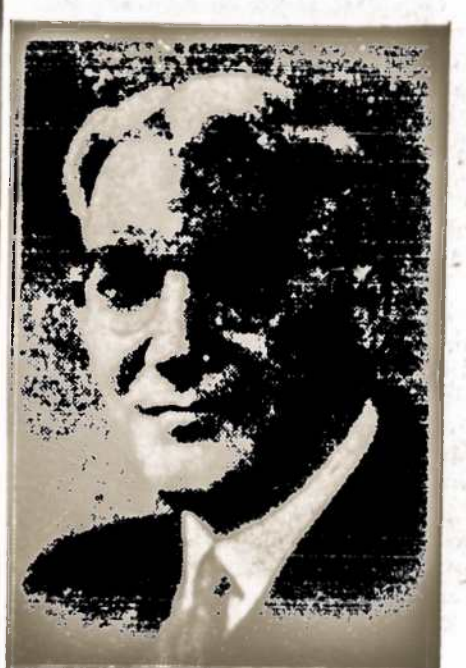
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GENERAL CONFERENCE IS IN SESSION ATTRACTS THOUSANDS OF INDIVIDUALS D. L. MOODY'S WORK IS CARRIED ON

The 59th Northfield General conference of Christian workers called into being last Saturday evening, has measured out nearly a week of its announced schedule of prominent speakers and will enter the second week with a pronounced degree of enthusiasm and earnestness. Hundreds of folks from all over the eastern section of the United States, and from foreign climes have gathered here, to carry on, in the work founded and established by the late evangelist and educator, Dwight Lyman Moody.

Pioneer and model of hundreds of similar religious gatherings among Protestant churches, the General conference, or August conference, as it is often called, is attractive again this year for the remarkably strong and influential leadership.

Keeping close to the purpose of the conference ideal in the early beginnings, speakers who command attention in the religious world because of their own ability and the spiritual quality of their message have been secured to present the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Saviour of all mankind.

To hear this message through able speakers from Great Britain and America is one of the characteristics of the Northfield conference. Each summer from three to six English and Scotch preachers come to Northfield with a message that is ever fresh and stimulating. Speakers who have and will be heard this season are:

Dr. James Reid, minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Eastbourne, England. Not since 1931 has Dr. Reid been to Northfield. Those who came here then remember the power of his message, and are grateful to the late William R. Moody, who was chairman at that time, for procuring him. Dr. Reid also will speak the last three days of next week, having been chosen for the closing service of the conference and summer season, Sunday evening, Aug. 14.

Two British speakers lead the 9 o'clock morning hour of the meetings for ministers. This week Dr. John S. Whale, president of Cheshunt college, Cambridge, England, is heard by the 200 ministers who attend. President Whale, a youthful and keen thinker, will be remembered by those who attended the conference two years ago for his vigorous presentation of the Christian approach to the problem of evil.

Prof. Edgar Dickie of St. Andrew's, Scotland, a newcomer to Northfield has already attracted the attention of the press because of his insights into relationships affecting both English-speaking countries. He will talk at the 9 o'clock ministers' meetings the second week, and address the 11 o'clock public service four times.

Dr. Frederick Norwood of the National Free Church council, England, comes back to Northfield as an old friend. He first appeared on the Northfield platform in the 1920's soon after his leaving his native Australia, and before he entered upon his great career in the pulpit of the London City temple.

Dr. James Stewart, minister

of the North Morningside church of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Rev. Dr. Paul E. Scherer, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran church of New York City, and vice-chairman of the conference. For many years now Dr. Scherer has been working with Dr. Paul Moody, chairman, in presiding over services of this conference. He has also spoken at other gatherings here.

Dr. George A. Buttrick, minister of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian church of New York City and well known to all American religious audiences.

Prof. Howard Chandler Robbins, formerly dean of St. John's the Divine in New York and now teaching at the General Theological seminary, will address the ministers' 10 o'clock hour the first three days of the second week.

Dr. J. V. Moldenhawer, minister of the First Presbyterian church of New York City.

Dr. Albert W. Beaven, president of the Rochester-Colgate Theological seminary, who was present here a year ago at the Moody Centenary conference on evangelism, will address the public services the second week.

Dr. Joseph R. Sizoo, minister of St. Nicholas church, New York City, speaks at both principal services on Sunday, Aug. 7.

President Henry Sloane Coffin of Union Theological seminary will address the conference the closing Sunday morning, Aug. 14 an honor and privilege Dr. Coffin has enjoyed in each of the past two years.

Special meetings for ministers are held each morning in Sage chapel. They are designed primarily to meet the needs of ministers not so much in respect to ingenious methods of running a church or better devices for preaching, but rather the deepening and broadening of the personal spiritual life of the ministers by pointing out the fundamental emphases of the life and teaching of Jesus Christ and the abiding values and needs of His message to the life of the present time.

Meetings for women of the conference are held each morning at Music Hall from 9 to 10:30. These services have filled a real need, as is witnessed by the growing attendance and interest. They are chiefly devotional in nature.

Services are conducted on Round Top each evening at 7.

All meetings and services of the conference are held in the Auditorium on the seminary campus unless otherwise stated.

Guests of the conference are being cared for in the dormitories of the seminary, the hotels are filled to over-crowding, inns and tourists houses are filled and many private families are caring for many. The summer colony is here and all the homes are occupied. Northfield has a record attendance at the conference this year, said to exceed that for any period within the past ten years.

Over at Mt. Hermon the Westminster Choir school is in session with a large enrollment and all are looking forward to the Festival of Sacred Music which they will render before the General

Lawn Fete Today; Concert Saturday; Two Big Features

Everybody will be going and Friday (today) will witness a large attendance at the lawn fete and sale by the local women's board of the Franklin county hospital. The lawn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Moody on Highland avenue will be filled with tables offering their wares for the benefit of the hospital, refreshments will be sold, and the ladies in charge will do their utmost to make the affair a real social opportunity. The hours are from two to five.

Tomorrow (Saturday) will be held in the auditorium the annual concert for the benefit of the Virginia Fresh Air camp. A splendid program has been arranged. The camp entertains each year many children from New York City who come in relays every two weeks to have an experience in the country of fresh air and wholesome living. Plan to attend this worthwhile event.

The program, under the management of Miss Virginia Powell, has been divided into halves. Mr. Leon Dunnell of Northfield has helped in the arrangement of the first half, which includes the following artists: Mrs. Smead, soprano; "La Chapelle," organist for radio station WHAI; an instrumental trio; and the MacLeods of Old Hadley. Two summers ago Mr. MacLeod delighted the audience, and especially the Virginia Campers, with his Mammy songs. This year he is bringing his three daughters with him to sing three-part music. Miss Marion Keller of the Northfield Seminary faculty has kindly consented to be the accompanist.

The second half of the program has been arranged by Mrs. Harold Hedgpath of the Westminster summer school now in session at Mt. Hermon. This will include solos, quartets and group singing by the Junior summer school.

Every summer the Northfield residents and summer guests try to raise approximately \$200 for a maintenance fund for the Virginia Fresh Air camp. The New York City Mission sends 150 little girls up to our hills from the heat and devastating conditions of the slums, and this sum pays for the running expenses of the camp. But contributions from this concert have paid in the past for roofing the six cabins, last year for six dozen new blankets and \$25 worth of playground equipment, etc. This year the most pressing need is for new cots. After purchasing the necessary equipment, any balance that remains will be given to the New York City Mission to help with the \$450 car-fare required for the round trip by rail for the 150 children.

J. F. Bittinger of Main street returned to his home on Monday after enjoying a n y weeks aboard ship, going down the St. Lawrence from Montreal, along the Labrador coast, the Canadian provinces, to Bermuda, Porto Rico, and South America. A party of twenty were guests aboard the commercial steamer.

eral conference adjourns.

All Christians are cordially invited to attend the sessions of the General conference. A day spent in listening to the address is a day well spent. Sunday services usually tax the capacity of the large auditorium.

Violent Storms Here During Past Week; No Serious Damage

Violent storms, bringing rain in torrents, strong winds, plenty of thunder and sharp lightning crashes, visited us and all of New England last Friday. Not for a long time, several years, has the weatherman given us storms which battered our homes, started roofs to leak, cracked up trees and destroyed much crops.

In Northfield no serious damage was done, save that roads were badly washed, brooks ran riot, and water was everywhere. Motorists on the road had considerable difficulty to drive their cars and all proceeded with caution. Some telephone service was disrupted and electric current was variable at times. Many radios reported that they were burned out. At Dr. A. N. Thompson's house a bolt shred struck the upper veranda corner, loosening a few boards and molding. In the area of the East Northfield reservoir several lightning bolts landed.

'Twas a week of rain and foul weather and interfered much with outdoor activities. Monday's storm was severe and while it sped over us with a heavy downpour and strong wind, it did its greatest damage farther to the north and east, as reported in the daily press. We should be thankful that Northfield and its vicinity was spared of serious disaster.

The Connecticut river rose as a result of the rains but not to any flood proportions. Summer residents, visitors and tourists are trusting that fair and pleasant weather may arrive in order to enjoy their merited vacations.

Mrs. Arthur O. Pritchard

Mrs. Arthur O. Pritchard, 59, a former resident of Hinsdale, and well known to many in Northfield, died at her home in Sierra Madre, California early this week after a few months illness. She attended schools in Hinsdale and graduated from Northfield Seminary. She became a teacher in the public schools.

She was the daughter of the late James and Jane Dickinson Spencer of Hinsdale and was married in 1884 to Frederick H. Jones, who conducted a pharmacy in Hinsdale. After selling his business they removed to California where he died in 1933. She married Rev. Dr. Arthur O. Pritchard in 1934, who survives, with a nephew, Frank A. Spencer of Sierra Madre, and several cousins hereabouts. Funeral and burial was Wednesday in Sierra Madre.

Go To Camp

Northfield Girl Scouts who left last Sunday for Camp Wiyaka in Richmond, N. H., were Lucetta Marshall, Helen Howard, Ruth Dawe, Polly Spencer and Janet Kehl. They will be there for two weeks, together with scouts from Greenfield, Turners Falls, Deerfield, and other Franklin county towns. Arline Finch will go on Sunday for the second week of the camp. Sunday, Aug. 7 is visiting day, and parents and friends of the campers are cordially invited to visit the camp in the afternoon.

David Powell, one of the twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Powell of Main street, is quarantined with scarlet fever.

Chapter 90 Funds Released To Towns For Highway Work

An allotment of \$3,200,000 in state funds has been announced by Commissioner of Public Works William F. Callahan to cover the various projects in the state for highway improvement under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws.

Franklin county receives \$93,150 which will go to twenty-four of the towns. This state allotment must be added to by the county and by the town itself. In the list is the provision for Northfield of a bridge on the Warwick road, toward which the state gives \$2,000, the county \$1,000 and the town \$1,000.

Provision is also made for the West Gill road in Gill, for the improvement of the Northfield road in Warwick and its maintenance, while Bernardston, Erving receive for their local roadways. Greenfield receives the largest amount of \$22,250 toward their Chapter 90 work.

It is expected work will begin immediately and that some 7,000 men will find employment.

Boston Taxi Bandit Caught And Jailed

James Froats, 18 years of age of Carthage, N. Y., played well his part of a bandit, but he proved he was not a good auto driver. In Boston, he hailed a taxi driven by M. L. Gibson, a negro, and asked him to drive him to Springfield. They started out, and when near Worcester on the turnpike, Gibson wanted some of his fare. Froats pulled a gun, compelled the negro to remove his coat and drive on. By back roads to Fitchburg and Athol they drove and coming down Route 2 near Erving, Froats stopped the taxi and took the driver's seat. For a short distance all went well, when suddenly near the junction of Route 63 to Northfield, the car crashed into a tree.

Both Froats and Gibson were found walking on the road and hailed by officers.

Froats was taken to District Court in Worcester, and held for the Grand Jury in \$9000 bail on charges of carrying concealed weapons, larceny of the taxi and armed robbery. When the Clerk of the Court asked him whether he pleaded guilty or not guilty, Froats sneered and replied, "I ain't talkin'."

Many Visitors Attend D. L. Moody Exhibit

Many visitors to the town and to the conferences are to be seen frequenting the D. L. Moody Memorial exhibit at the Birthplace, where A. Percy Fitt, who is Mr. Moody's son-in-law, and was his personal secretary is in charge.

The exhibit contains much Moody material and occupies seven rooms on the ground floor. Also is shown much of information regarding the Northfield schools. The exhibit is open daily except Tuesdays, from 2 to 5 p. m. and on Saturday evenings from 7 to 9. If you have not visited the exhibit, do so at your early convenience, for it is well worth while.

The Boston & Maine railroad reporting for the month of June ends a deficit after fixed charges of operation of \$213,742.70. This compares with a surplus of June of last year of \$89,778.66.

MUSICAL FEATURES AT CONFERENCE ORGAN RECITAL, JUNIORS' MUSICALE AND A FESTIVAL OF SACRED MUSIC

Almost 600 voices will be heard in the fourth annual Northfield Festival of Sacred Music which is to be given in the Northfield Auditorium on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 14, at 4:00 o'clock. Dr. John Finley Williamson, founder-director and president of the Westminster Choir school in Princeton, N. J., will conduct the concert choir which will be made up of voices from the Athol and Connecticut Valley choral groups as well as the 127

the past several weeks and reports record enthusiasm among the members of the Festival groups as well as excellent concert material. The children's choir will be recruited from the Virginia Fresh Air camp, from Northfield and East Northfield. Mrs. Ora V. Hedgepeth, a member of the Westminster Choir school faculty, is in charge of the children's rehearsals being held in Music hall.

In addition to the festival, three other programs by the choir school are creating interest among the townspeople and General conference delegates. On next Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock, Dr. Carl Weinrich, one of America's leading concert organists and head of the Westminster department of organ music will present concert in Mt. Hermon Memorial chapel which will be broadcast over WHAI. On Friday, August 12, immediately following the regular evening meeting in the Auditorium about 50 members of the summer school's junior camp group will sing under Dr. Williamson's direction. On Saturday, August 13, at 8:30 the Westminster summer school concert will be presented in the Auditorium.

The summer school will also give a concert at the First Church of Christ in Northampton on Thursday evening, Aug. 11 at 8. Dr. Williamson will conduct.

Dr. Weinrich's program of organ music to be played in Memorial chapel next Sunday afternoon is as follows:

Concerto in A Minor, Allegro, Adagio, Allegro, by Vivaldi; Bach; Prelude, by Clerambault; A Mighty Fortress, by Bach; Six Schubert Choral Preludes: a) Sleepers, Wake! A Voice is Calling, b) O Whither Shall I Flee, c) He Who Lets the Good Lord Guide, d) My Soul Doth Magnify, e) O Stay With Us, Lord Jesus, f) Come Thou Then from Heaven; Toccata by Dupre; Meditation of St. Cyprian, by James; Pantomime, by Jepson; A Rose Breaks into Bloom, by Brahms; Finale in D, by Vienne.



Carl Weinrich

members of the Westminster Choir summer school which has been in session on the Mt. Hermon campus since July 25. The last half of the program will be broadcast directly from the Auditorium over a nation-wide NBC hook-up from 4:30 to 5 o'clock.

The entire program will be carried by the valley stations, WHAI, WSPR, and WNBC.

Marvin Reecher, recent graduate of the New Jersey choir college, has been directing the rehearsals of the choir groups in Springfield, Athol, Greenfield, Northfield and Northampton for

Turners Falls - Gill Bridge Opens Soon

It is quite probable that the Turners Falls-Gill bridge, at the present rate of progress in construction may be open for traffic early in September, possibly by Labor Day. The grading of the approaches is nearly finished and the roadway on the bridge is receiving its black top surfacing. The road bed will be 30 feet wide allowing clearance for three cars and a sidewalk five and a half feet wide. Many visitors during the past week have motored to the location to view the bridge from the highway and also to observe the vast amount of water in the Connecticut river pouring in wild confusion over the falls.

The state convention of the Parent-Teachers association will convene in Greenfield, October 19 to 21. It is expected that several national officers will be present to greet the several hundred delegates expected to attend.

Alphonse Zimmerman

Word was received last Sunday of the passing in Chicago of Alphonse Zimmerman, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Zimmerman and grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Moody. Services were conducted by Dr. Paul D. Moody and Rev. Leonard Holton at the Center cemetery Wednesday. Surviving are his wife, the former Maude Windel of Coatesville, Pa., a daughter, Ann, and four sisters, Miss Hortense Zimmerman, Mrs. F. G. Barber, Mrs. Frederick Pexton and Mrs. Lawrence Ropes. Mr. Zimmerman was 50 years of age and his illness was brief.

The next Lutheran World Convention will be held in 1940 in the city of Philadelphia and will be the first to be held in this country. The first was held in 1923 in Eisenach, Germany, the second in Copenhagen, Denmark and the third in Paris. Rev. Dr. Frederick H. Knobel, President of the United Lutheran church in America is vice-president of the International organization.

Jersey Folks Have Bad Auto Accident On Wanamaker Rd.

What might have been a very serious accident, turned out most fortunately for four occupants of a large Oldsmobile sedan, with registration plates of New Jersey, when the car, driven by Robert Gibson of Newark, N. J., and traveling south left the finished portion of the new Winchester highway and struck the soft shoulder of the gravel road in front of the residence of Miss Mary Field.

The car swerved sharply to the right, struck a decayed stump of a tree, uprooting it and carrying it along some ten feet when the impact with another stump threw the car over on its side and against the porch of the house. The car was badly damaged and was taken to Jordan's garage for immediate repairs.

In the car were Mrs. Julia Niceley of Lansdowne, Pa., a sister of Mr. Gibson, a friend, and a grandson, Gibson Mead. Dr. Wright was called and immediately responded. He found Mrs. Niceley suffering from a wrenched knee and leg and the boy bruised and cut on his forehead. Both were taken at once to his office for treatment and later all of the party went to the Northfield hotel. Constable Harry Haskell investigated the accident. The party left early this week for their homes.

This marks another in the series of accidents which have happened at this particular place within the past year and is the result largely of the delay of the state of Massachusetts in completing the highway to connect with route 10 or the Hinsdale road.

G. O. P. County Night Is Being Arranged

On Thursday, Aug. 25, the Greenfield Young Men's Republican club will hold what they term a county night, at the Manson House. A banquet will start the affair at 6:30 followed by speaking by candidates seeking nominations at the coming primaries. Candidates for these nominations will speak over station WHAI from 7:30 to 9.

The guest speaker will be Allen T. Treadway, Congressman from the 1st Mass. district, and a candidate for re-election.

Other speakers are: State Senator James A. Gunn, County Commissioner Samuel U. Streeter, Rep. Frederick E. Pierce, Rep. Ralph C. Mahar, Rep. Fred B. Dole, all candidates for re-election; William Dwight, candidate for councillor in the 8th district; Frederick E. Rowe, candidate for Rep. in the 1st Franklin district; John W. Heselt, Merrill E. Torrey, Guy M. Gray, candidates for district attorney; James L. Bagley, Patrick S. O'Donnell, Fred C. Kilhart, candidates for sheriff.

The general committee for the affair includes Francis H. Streeter, general chairman and toastmaster, Albert E. Jenest, sub-chairman, John B. Touher, treasurer, Erwin G. Hoelle, ticket chairman, E. Whitman Strecker, reception chairman, Leland J. Stiles, banquet chairman, Clark G. McKinnon, publicity chairman, Donald E. White, music chairman, Albert E. Jenest, radio chairman, and Clifford G. McKinnon, program chairman.

The ticket committee has already been organized and includes Raymond J. Nadeau, William F. Galvin, Clarence S. Strecker, Albert E. Jenest, Leland J. Stiles and James A. Ballou.

The committee has invited guests from Greenfield and all the surrounding towns. It is hoped that Northfield will be well represented.

Mary Virginia Moore, daughter of Dr. C. Howard Moore of Philadelphia is the guest of Mary Helen Moore of Greylock cottage on Linden street.

Farmer Ends Life By Shooting Self; Was Much Depressed

Leon O. Davis of Ashuelot Rd., just over the Northfield line, in the town of Winchester, shot and killed himself instantly, last Saturday morning shortly after 10 o'clock. He had been in ill health for a long time and was much depressed.

He had arisen early as usual on Saturday and attended to his work. Mrs. Davis with her granddaughter, who was visiting them were in the house, when presently a shot rang out and Mr. Davis was found near the barn, having used a rifle to end all. The shot had passed through his head.

Dr. A. H. Wright was immediately summoned by phone, who pronounced Mr. Davis dead and notified the Coroner from Keene, who after viewing the body, gave permission for its removal to Rhodes funeral parlors at Winchester.

Mr. Davis was a well known and respected citizen, a successful farmer, but suffering from the pangs of disease.

He was born in 1869 in Winchester, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis. His wife was Mary Bolton, whom he married in 1900. Surviving beside his wife are his son, Harold of Winchester and a daughter, Mrs. Robert Bennett of Boston. Also four sisters and a brother as well as one grandchild.

The funeral was held at his home Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and interment was in the West Parish cemetery.

It's Reunion Time In County Towns

In several of our county towns there are scheduled as already announced, reunions, or old home days, when residents and former residents gather in a social conclave for a holiday and good time. The first of these was the annual old home day at Wendell on Wednesday when a full day's program was rendered, consisting of music by the Musical Bargeons, an address by John E. Bond of Greenfield, a list of sports, including baseball and in the evening a dance with music by Briggs orchestra of Athol.

Next Wednesday, Aug. 10, comes the annual event at North Orange. Charles M. Gardner of the Grange will give the address and the Blackmer quartet will sing. Music will be furnished by the Minute Tapioca band during the afternoon. Dancing will follow in the evening in Parish hall. The day's exercises begin at one o'clock.

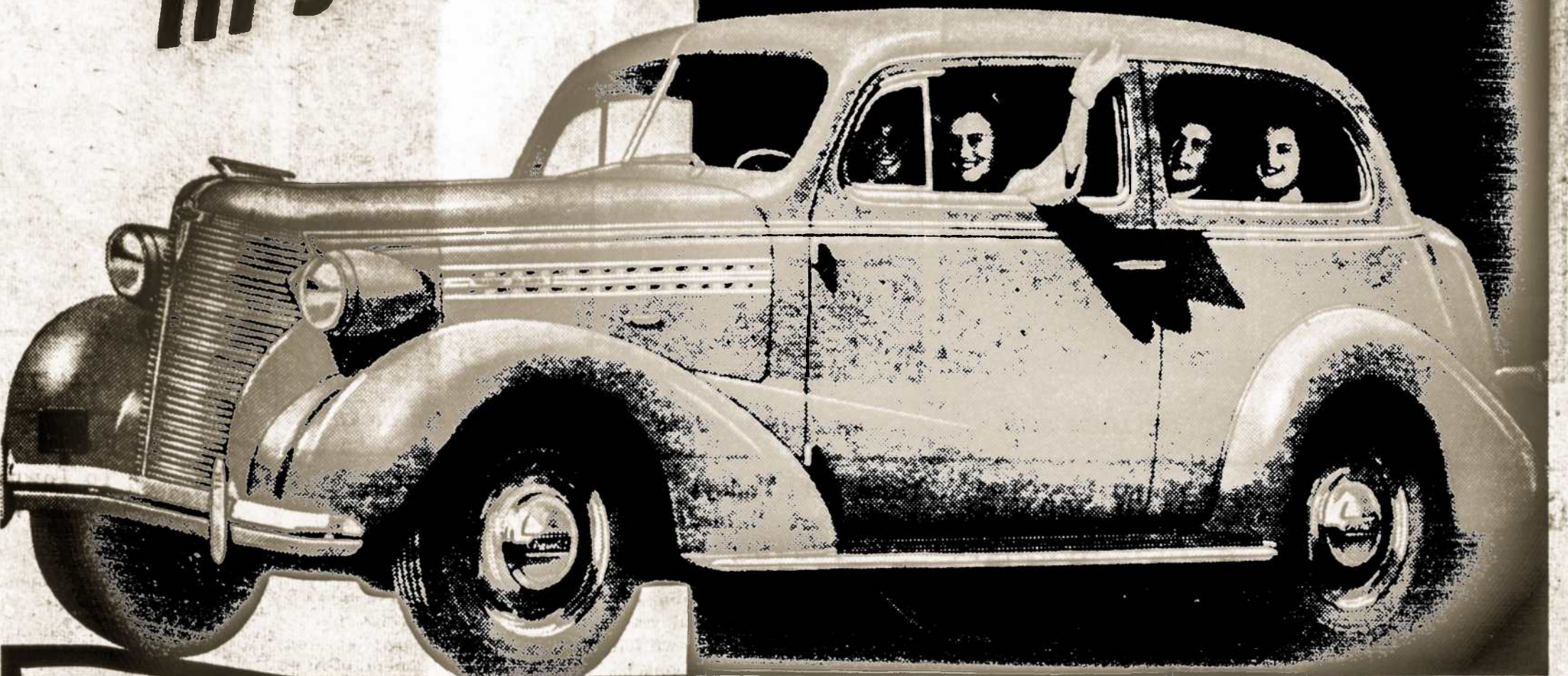
On Wednesday, Aug. 17, beginning at noon with a basket lunch, Warwick will observe its old home day. The program begins soon after noon in the Unitarian church with a half hour organ recital by Belle Conant Marden of Orange. The speaker of the afternoon will be Rev. W. Waldemar W. Argow, pastor of the Syracuse, N. Y. Unitarian church, who has a summer home in Warwick. Musical numbers will be rendered by Dr. and Mrs. Howard Curtis. The customary ball game at 3 will be played and the reunion dance in the town hall will conclude the day's festivities. Band music will be furnished on the common during the afternoon.

New Salem will have its reunion the following day, Thursday, Aug. 18. It will be the 65th annual observance and the 143rd year of New Salem academy. As usual there will be morning and afternoon exercises with baseball at 4 p. m., an entertainment in the evening, followed by the reunion ball.

To all of these reunions, some citizens of Northfield will return to renew the acquaintances of earlier years, to re-visit the places where childhood days were spent, or to greet relatives and friends. Old Home Day is a time-honored holiday.

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Over The Trails Which Abound Here

Last week, Maurice Brown, well known naturalist and nature lover spent some time at the Northfield hotel, where he is well known among the guests, and whom he takes out on periodic walks over nearby trails. Mr. Brown has been in Northfield at various times for several years and by many he is best remembered for his enchanting work at the old "Trail Inn" where he encourages nature to do its best and where blazed trails have been prepared for nature lovers.

Starting from the Northfield hotel, three most attractive trails have been prepared and they are much used. They are enumerated as follows:

No. 1, The Nature Trail—of a mile circuit, beginning at the caddy house, to visit and study the trees and ferns, the rocks and their formation, and particularly the flowers which abound in all their glory.

No. 2—The Ferny Brook Trail. A most charming path, seven-eighths of a mile long, beginning at the south side of the Chateau and winding along a fern hung brook and leading to Northfield's only waterfall, the site of the old grist mill.

No. 3—The Circuit Trail: which beginning off the Winchester highway takes in the Pulpit Falls, beautiful rock formation and waterfall, a third of a mile from the road; Bents Pond, a place to rest, two-thirds of a mile; Deserter Village, where one can see the cellar dug-outs and dried apple trees, remains of an earlier farming site; one mile; the Big Birch, the largest known birch of its kind in the world, one and a half

miles; and Balanced Rock, Hogs Back Mountain (1000 feet elevation with a view of Monadnock) one and five-eighths miles; Northfield Reservoir (a delightful picnic spot) two and three-eighths miles; Old Orchard, an early settlement, three and three-eighths miles; Garnet Rock, 700 feet elevation, three and seven-eighths miles, from which a magnificent view is obtained. The trail ends at the hotel garage and the total distance is four and seven-eighths miles. A hike one will never forget.

The trails are being frequently covered by hikers who make a full day of the pleasure. Should you want to know more about these trails, enquire at the Northfield hotel.

Announce Engagement

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Dorothy M. Allen of Toronto, Canada and recently of Northfield, to Rev. Leon S. Simonetti, pastor of the First Church, Unitarian, of Athol. The wedding will take place about Aug. 16.

Miss Allen is general secretary of the Canadian Youth Hostel movement with headquarters in Toronto, but spent much of the past year here at the headquarters of the American movement on Main street.

Mr. Simonetti became pastor of the Athol church in May of last year, coming from Ware. He was born in Harrisburg, Pa., where he received his early schooling, and received his A. B. degree from Dickinson college in 1924. He was graduated by Drew Theological seminary in 1928 and received his A. M. degree from Columbia university the same year. He was ordained in 1928 at New Rochelle, N. Y.

His pastorates have been at Stamford, Ct., as assistant from 1926 to 1928; New Rochelle from 1928 to 1929; minister at Whitman from 1929 to 1931, and minister at Ware from 1931 until called to Athol.

The couple will go on a wedding trip to the Gaspe Peninsula and Labrador and return to Athol in time for the beginning of the fall church work. Miss Allen made many friends during her stay here.

In Sad Condition

The political situation in parts of Europe has placed the Masonic fraternity in a desperate condition and members have had their property confiscated, were ordered to leave their country, ostracized, persecuted and even murdered.

To have been a Mason was a crime too serious to contemplate. Realizing the gravity of the situation, a Masonic Relief society has been formed by prominent Masonic brethren to aid their unfortunate craftsmen. The Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States has already voted the sum of \$20,000 to aid. The president of the organization is Rene Raymond, Grand Commander for France and contributions may be made in the United States to the Supreme Council, 1733, 16th Street N. W., Washington, D. C.

Literature on the state as a vacation playground has been sent here by the Development and Industrial commission and may be had upon application at the Northfield hotel or Spencer Bros. garage. Stickers bearing the words "Guest of Massachusetts" may also be had by tourists from other states.

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South Vernon church, Rev. George A. Gray, pastor, will be closed Sunday for services. Mid-week service Thursday evening at 7 at the Advent Home. The Vernon chapel will be closed during August.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Longland and family who have been enjoying a two weeks' vacation here with relatives returned to their home in Melrose Sunday.

Charles Keeney of Boston is a guest at the Vernon Home for August.

Miss Nina Gray has concluded her work at the Advent Home and Miss Perry is taking her place.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burnett of Amherst and Mr. and Mrs. Percy Johnson of Northampton visited Mrs. Mary Johnson and Mrs. Julia Ennis Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. Gray and Miss Nina went by motor to Bath, Me., to visit friends Tuesday, after which they will go to Akon Bay to attend the camp meeting.

Grange members are reminded of the mystery ride of Northfield Grange next Tuesday evening. Meet at Grange hall, Northfield at 7 o'clock.

Ernest W. Dunklee's Sunday school class held an outing at Maple Lodge came Tuesday evening. Sports were indulged in and a weenie roast enjoyed.

Miss Lilly Zaluzny and her father are visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Zaluzny.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Beebe and daughter from New York state are the guests of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Meisner.

The annual Sunday school picnic of the Union church at Vernon and the So. Vernon church was held at Houghton's Grove last Saturday. There was a large attendance and all enjoyed the sports and pastimes. A game of baseball was played in the afternoon. A basket luncheon was served. It was a fine event with many friends coming from a distance to renew old acquaintances.

Mrs. Carrie Dittmars of Manchester, N. H., and Miss Emma Leavitt of Brookline are visiting her brother and wife, Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Leavitt.

Mrs. Jay E. Johnson who recently underwent an operation at Brattleboro Memorial hospital has returned to her home and is improving.

Boy: I came out ahead of the other fellows in natural history, mother. Teacher asked me how many legs an ostrich had, and I said three.

Mother: But an ostrich has two legs.

Boy: I know that now, mother, but the rest of the class said four, so I was nearest.

LOCALS

The Historical society of Windham county held its annual meeting and public exercises in the county court house at Newfane Wednesday afternoon. The speaker was Frederic F. Van de Water of Dummerston, vocal music was by Mrs. Wilbur Bennett of Guilford. Seven schools participated through its pupils in the reading of prize essays. Members of the Northfield society were invited guests.

Miss Ruth McEwan, who graduated from the Seminary in June, expects to enter Wellesley college this fall.

Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Berger of Syracuse, N. Y., have arrived here for their summer vacation to be spent at their cottage on Rustic Ridge.

A. Gordon Moody, president of the Western Massachusetts Visitors' association reports that progress is being made in securing a guide, in booklet form, advertising the merits of this part of the state as a vacation land or for permanent residence. The association is hoping to install an information service in the state building on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition.

The Youth Hostel group of young people, who are the "rolling hostel" by rail, will arrive in San Francisco this week from Crater Lake. They are now headed for Los Angeles and the Grand Canyon. They expect to be back in Northfield, Sept. 1.

County Commissioner Clarence E. Hodgkins of Northampton, now 80 years of age, and a brother of the late Mrs. H. H. Chamberlin of Northfield, was slightly injured Saturday afternoon of last week when the coupe which he was driving crashed into a tree. A package in his car sliding caused him the mishap.

A number of local women attended the annual street fair of the Western Massachusetts Y. W. C. A., which was held at Hadley on Wednesday. Mrs. George Foster of Highland avenue was in charge of one of the booths. All report a most interesting time with the show a big success.

The deed for the transfer of the Louise Andrews Camp on Pearson road from the Northfield League, Inc., to the Salvation Army of Massachusetts was filed in the registry last week. It conveys three parcels of land.

The move for a new consolidated schoolhouse for Gill came up for a vote at the special town meeting last Friday evening and was defeated by a vote of 163 to 23. Fear of an increased tax rate is said to be the reason.

PERSONALS

Rev. and Mrs. C. O. Dunham of South Londonderry, Vt., are at their cottage in the Highlands for the remainder of the season.

The marriage of Miss Beryl James, daughter of Mrs. Harry James, and Victor Vaughan will take place on Thursday, Aug. 11.

Rev. and Mrs. T. T. Brown of Main street are leaving this week by motor and trailer for a trip through various portions of Canada, east and west, and will not return until near time for them to go on to Florida, their winter home.

Miss Evelyn J. Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Johnson was graduated with honors from the Brattleboro Business Institute, at the exercises of the Bay Path Institute in the Municipal Auditorium at Springfield last Saturday afternoon. Miss Johnson specialized in the clerical course. Over 3000 attended the commencement at which Paul E. Crocker of the Pepperell Mfg. Co. was the principal speaker.

Mrs. Joseph R. Colton is visiting her mother, Mrs. Julia Star in Connecticut.

Both the Northfield Seminary and Mt. Hermon school authorities report that next season's enrollment in the institutions is for capacity, with a large waiting list. The schools accommodate something over 1100 students who seek a secondary school education.

Miss Jean Giebel, who has recently finished a library course of study, will be with the State Street City library in Springfield Sept. 1.

Mrs. Pearl Beckus has as her guests at her summer home, her sister, Mrs. William Ball of Sydney, Cape Breton, and her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sanford of Forest Gardens, L. I.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Carl Holton and daughter Arline, of Canton, Ohio, have been spending their vacation with Dr. and Miss Holton at their home on Main street. Mr. Holton is a hydraulic engineer with the Hoover Mfg. Co. of North Canton, O.

Miss Charlotte Shearer and Miss Dorothy Leach are the solicitors for Northfield Farms for the hospital lawn fete on the Moody lawn this Friday. Mrs. Lawrence Hammond whose name was included in the list was unable to serve.

Prof. and Mrs. Nelson A. Jackson of Mt. Hermon have returned from their sojourn in Europe where they have spent many weeks.

Leon W. Chapman of Hartford, Ct., visited Northfield and called upon friends last Saturday while enroute with his family for a vacation in New Hampshire. He was a former cashier of the Northfield National bank.

Miss Alice Pedley of Emburst, N. Y., with her nieces are at her summer residence on Rustic Ridge.

Mrs. Harry Crawford of Philadelphia has again returned to Northfield for the summer and greeted many local friends this week.

Miss Alice Duncan of Jamaica, N. Y., is a guest of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Coburn at their home on Myrtle street.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucas Boeve of Bronxville, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Watts of Philadelphia, and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Joy of Arlington, Va., are occupying the Boeve cottage in Mountain Park.

Mrs. Edna Jenkins is entertaining her cousin, Mrs. Rufus Jenkins of New Paltz, N. Y., at her home on Glen road.

Reports of the General conference now being held are fully reported by Mrs. Robert H. Wilder of this town for a Springfield newspaper. She is a competent writer and correspondent and her articles are most interesting.

A real estate development is being undertaken by the Shadow Land Co. at Lake Spofford and local folks are appealed to by letter in the purchase of lots.

The July rainfall in this territory reaches another high record of 8.15 inches and said to be the greatest since July, 1925. Less than two inches of rain fell in July of last year.

In the Registry at Greenfield there was filed a deed this week, conveying 36 acres of land on the north side of the road to Warwick, in Northfield, from Bigelow Green of Boston, Fanny G. Field, Mary G. Parker and Walter W. Powers of Northfield, trustees under the will of Chas. Green, late of Sherborn, to Rodrick H. Parker of Northfield.

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and the best of the four wins a \$300 scholarship, which is given with all other prizes by Mrs. Charles R. Walgreen, of Chicago, nationally known garden club enthusiast.

No entry fee or other obligation is incurred by club members taking part. The contest is supervised by state and federal extension agents.

At Greenfield Rotary

The members of the Greenfield Rotary club held their weekly meeting Wednesday evening at the Weldon hotel with a program in charge of Albert E. Roberts of this town, who is one of its members. The speaker was Dr. John S. Whale, president of Cheshunt college of Cambridge, England, and one of the speakers at the General conference. The quartet of the Westminster Choir school was present and rendered several most acceptable selections.

Rev. and Mrs. W. R. McDermott of Brooklyn, N. Y., have arrived here to spend the remainder of the season at their cottage on Linden street.

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EDITORIAL

The conference season is drawing to a close and Northfield has witnessed the presence of many people and an atmosphere complete with the vacation spirit. From June to September our population increases several fold and activities are to be noted everywhere. It is largely from this influence that the Northfield of today has been created and will continue to be made in the future. We are in an enviable position at a time when the counties of western Massachusetts and its towns are seeking methods and ways to attract the summer residents because of the possibilities of future growth and development. For years Northfield has led, most if not all, communities in summer attractions through its conferences. It's a wise citizen of Northfield who can appreciate these facts.

There is some satisfaction to be seen in the effort of business men to roll up their sleeves and go out for business. Henry Ford says a most promising future is before us. To be in earnest about this matter is the best cure for the blues and for depression. When business gets into action for the sake of humanity and government quits its interference, then and only then will our country speed along well on the way to prosperity. Relief and relief jobs handed out to real red-blooded men, may be of temporary value, but destroys their personal ambition and hopes for an independent existence, so much desired by all.

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Do you know that . . . The first American flag of 13 stripes was unfurled on Prospect Hill, Somerville, Jan. 1, 1776 . . . A horse which furnished power on a treadmill for an early Bible printing shop in Lunenburg is said to have been given a Christian burial for his distinguished contribution toward spreading the Word of God . . . The American game of basketball is said to have been invented by Prof. James Naismith of Springfield in 1891 . . . Some of the first experiments with petroleum products were made in a laboratory at Waltham . . . The electric batteries taken to Little America on Admiral Byrd's first trip were manufactured in Waltham . . . Benjamin Curtis, citizen of

LOCALS

The Alliance of the Unitarian church will meet Thursday, Aug. 11 at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. Simmons on Maple street. Miss Dean and Miss Calder are the assisting hostesses. The program will be provided by the hostesses.

Edward O'Brien, an attorney of Northampton has been named as acting District Attorney by Gov. Hurley to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Keedy. He is not a candidate for the office when the term runs out.

The Sunday school of the Congregational church meets every Sunday morning at 9:45 for Bible study in the vestry. The weekly prayer service Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Duncan, who were called to New York on business last week have returned to their cottage here.

PERSONALS

Rev. W. H. Desjardins has joined his family at their summer cottage on Glen road. Miss Ruth Desjardins who spent two weeks there has returned to her work with the Church Pension Fund in New York.

Mrs. Marion Grogan Cooper who has returned to her home in West Virginia to make ready for a trip to Europe with her husband.

Rev. W. S. Terrell, director of Evangelism of the New York Baptist association with his wife and family of Syracuse, N. Y., who have occupied Rose cottage, have returned home.

Mrs. Louise Barnes LaBella has entertained several guests at her home on the Ridge recently. Among these were her niece, Miss Jane Clee Houser. This week she received visits from Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Caldwell of Arlington and Miss Ann Stabile of Jamaica, N. Y. Miss Stabile is an artist and going to Gloucester to the artists' colony.

Watertown and Associate Justice of the Supreme court, gave the dissenting opinion in the Dred Scott case and secured the acquittal of President Andrew Jackson after his impeachment by Congress . . . Alexander Graham Bell was a resident of Wellfleet at the time of his invention of the telephone . . . George Bancroft, founder of the Naval academy, was born in Worcester . . . Baldpate Inn, Georgetown, was the setting for the Earl Derr Biggers drama, "Seven Keys to Baldpate" . . . The Myopia Hunt club, Hamilton, was so named when established in 1882, because all the founders were nearsighted.

The Jesuit Novitiate, Shadowbrook, in Lee is the former Andrew Carnegie summer residence, where he died in 1919 . . . A method is being studied by which cities and towns can do much to eliminate the ups and downs of business and employment by regulating their expenditures for public improvements.

He: You'll be my little lamb, won't you, darling?
She: Yes, if you'll be my shepherd.
He: What do you mean?
She: You herd me.

Owen Johnson Seeks Congress Nomination

Owen M. Johnson, prominent Stockbridge author and resident, who has taken an active part in the economic rehabilitation of the industrial and recreational advantages of Western Massachusetts is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congressman and it is expected he will oppose the present incumbent, Representative Allen T. Treadway, who will be the candidate for the Republican nomination.

In a letter to the Editor of the Press, Mr. Johnson writes, "I suppose you naturally represent



a traditional Republican element but I know you will be glad to publish all legitimate material from the other side. I shall appreciate your fairness."

The Editor is a Republican and believes in its principles of government and the Press as a newspaper is so inclined, but it means to be fair and independent in the endorsement of candidates. It gives fair consideration to all candidates for office regardless of political affiliations.

Mr. Johnson is a close friend of the Roosevelt family, he has been able through his influence during the past two years to accomplish much for Western Massachusetts, and he has earned for himself the title of "Congressman without portfolio." Pledging his loyalty to "the only creative leadership effective today in America; the inspired courageous humane leadership of Franklin D. Roosevelt."

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Successful Fete At McNeil Home

The sale, card party, lawn fete and cafeteria supper of the women of the Unitarian church on the lawn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. McNeil on Maple St., Thursday of last week proved to be a fine success, the weather affording sunshine and fair conditions. A large number of residents of the town, visitors and guests attended and gave a liberal patronage. The sum of \$82 was realized.

Gardeners Gather

Undaunted by the rain and storm, some 25 members of the Garden club gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Merrifield on lower Main street, Monday evening and enjoyed a basket lunch on the porch. The sojourn in their beautiful garden was hindered by the heavy rain and the visit to other fine gardens in the neighborhood was also prevented. The group contented themselves with talking about garden problems.

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